



Parade mobilizes East Chicago residents

Twenty political candidates sign pledge for a cleaner environment



photo by Terrie Henderson

Colleen Aguirre, member of Coalition for a Clean Environment and the East Chicago Waterway Management Board, speaks with Social Justice Club members Y'shuatzin and Huma Farook at a meeting to plan the parade at the East Chicago Public Library.

TERRIE HENDERSON
News Editor

The Social Justice Club met with organizers and participated in the "No Dump Parade" to protest plans for the Confined Disposal Facility in East Chicago.

The Confined Disposal Facility will contain the dredged sediment from the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal. The parade was organized to stop the planning of the Confined Disposal Facility because of the location of the site and the chemicals and toxins that may volatilize before the site will be capped thirty years from the initial dredging.

Before the parade started, a number of speakers spoke out against the Confined Disposal Facility. Anthony Copeland, the East Chicago vice president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Jose Mejia, president of the

East Chicago Teachers Union spoke at the parade. A pediatrician also spoke on what effects the Confined Disposal Facility may have on the children of East Chicago. The Confined Disposal Facility is located within 800 yards of two schools.

Several political candidates running for positions in East Chicago and surrounding cities were also in attendance at the parade.

Betty Balanoff, chairwoman for the coalition for a clean environment said 20 political candidates signed a pledge at the parade. The pledge opposed the placing of toxic dumps near homes, parks or schools and stated that the Confined Disposal Facility violates the Environmental Justice Executive Order. Two mayoral candidates from East Chicago, George Pabey and Lonnie Randolph, as well as Whiting mayoral candidate Dwight Jones, signed the

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Alumnus sometimes walks in his father's footsteps

Tom McDermott Jr. graduated in 1996, teaches business law and wants to be the next mayor of Hammond

SARAH LISON
Editor in Chief

Thomas McDermott Jr. grew up in California with his mother, but he calls Hammond, Ind. home.

McDermott's parents divorced when he was young. His mother lives in California. His father, Thomas McDermott Sr., moved to Northwest Indiana.

In 1982, the elder McDermott ran for the mayor of Hammond as a Republican. The younger McDermott, who spent summers in Indiana, remembers campaigning with his father and learned by example.

The elder McDermott was the 18th mayor of Hammond from 1983 to 1991. Now the younger McDermott wants to be the 20th mayor of Hammond.

The younger McDermott is running as Tom McDermott, like his father. He said he has never been called a junior.

"That's my formal legal name versus what everyone calls me," the younger McDermott said.

When he was young, people called him Tombo.

To be the next Mayor McDermott, he has to win in the May 6 Democratic primaries first.

To do this, the younger McDermott has been walking the streets like his father. A map of Hammond hangs on the wall in front of the younger McDermott's desk in his law office at 1727 Indianapolis Blvd. in Hammond. When he and the campaign committee walk through a precinct knocking on doors, he colors it in

on the map. About 45 precincts have been colored in.

"That's how he (the elder McDermott) won," the younger McDermott said.

Campaigning with his father, the younger McDermott remembers when he learned people feel very strongly about politics.

"I'll never forget going up to a door with my father and he got yelled at," the younger McDermott said. "I didn't realize why this person hated my father so much."

The experience taught the younger McDermott a lesson: politics is different. Even when his father seemed to be surrounded by people who loved him - campaign team members and supporters - others hated him.

The elder McDermott explained that he became the first Republican mayor of Hammond in over 30 years.

"Back in those days, I got yelled at a lot," the elder McDermott said. "People feel very strongly about their parties and they still do."

The younger McDermott said the name recognition resulting from running as Tom McDermott, like his father, both helps and hurts his campaign.

"My father was a good mayor," the younger McDermott said. "But some people hated my dad."

'He sees his dad sitting here'

The elder McDermott turned over the mayoral office to fellow Republican and incumbent Mayor Duane Dedelow. The elder



photo by Sarah Lison

Tom McDermott Jr. (right) and Kevin Smith (left), the McDermott campaign manager, have a good time at a youth rally last month.

McDermott currently serves as the president of the Northwest Indiana Forum. The purpose of the forum is to work with business leaders and politicians, regardless of party affiliation, to increase economic development in Lake and Porter counties.

Because the forum is bipartisan, the younger McDermott said the elder McDermott has been warned that if he gets involved with his son's campaign, he could lose his job. The elder McDermott said he

has not been told he will lose his job, but the board of directors has expressed that it doesn't want him to become involved in his son's campaign.

"It makes sense," the elder McDermott said. "It's very politically charged in Hammond already."

The elder McDermott said the forum works with elected community leaders throughout the region.

"We work with all the mayors," the elder McDermott said.

Both men said they have a strong relationship. The younger McDermott candidly admits that his father's position will make him a more effective mayor.

"I think it's smart for the voters to elect me if I have the connections to bring more business into the city," the younger McDermott said.

The elder McDermott exercises

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

10 reasons in 2002-03 to feel good about Purdue Calumet

- ◆ 2001 accounting alumna Carol Hughes recorded the nation's top CPA exam score last spring.
- ◆ Biology Professor Charles Tseng received a \$2.5 million Dept. of Defense grant to study the effects of radio frequency fields on human and bacterial gene function.
- ◆ Campus student housing moved a step closer to reality when the Purdue Board of Trustees granted us approval last December to continue advancing plans to construct a 360-bed, apartment-type complex.
- ◆ In an effort to bolster economic development in Northwest Indiana, we are partnering in developing a business incubator: the Purdue Technology Center of Northwest Indiana.
- ◆ Engineering Professor Chenn Zhou received a \$1.29 million Indiana 21st Century grant to help steel companies save money and improve productivity.
- ◆ Our unique Entrepreneurship Center—which trains business owners to be more successful—was nationally recognized.
- ◆ Phase 1 of a \$5.5 million chemistry lab improvement project is nearly completed.
- ◆ More than \$700,000 in scholarships were awarded and new endowments established.
- ◆ A new bachelor's degree program was introduced in human development and family studies.
- ◆ Lakers basketball player/senior marketing major Rayfield Stringer III was named a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-America Scholar Athlete.



What's goin' on?

A look around campus

LASS recognizes scholars, faculty present research

The School of Liberal Arts will hold the LASS Spotlight on Scholarship on May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Continental breakfast will be offered in SFLC-358 followed by research presentations by faculty. For more information, contact Angie Sullivan at (219)989-2401.

Italian course builds written and spoken knowledge

Italian 101, Section 51 will be offered to students every Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. during the fall 2003 semester. This class is available to any student who is interested in writing, learning, speaking Italian or who wants to further develop their Italian background. For more information, contact John Flore at (219)887-5284 or by e-mail at jflore@andreanhs.edu

Arabic course open to students in fall 2003

Learn a new language. Arabic 101, Section 51 will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. during the fall 2003 semester. For information regarding sign up or for more information about the Arabic language, contact instructor, Osama Abueledam at (219)989-2662 or by e-mail at abu@calumet.purdue.edu.

Distance learning workshops offered in ANDR June 4

On Wednesday, June 4, there will be a distance learning workshop that will cover topics like accessing courses, editing personal information and checking grades. The 90-minute workshops are at 1:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. in ANDR-220. You can register at calumet.purdue.edu/ccld. For further information, contact Joy Colwell at (219)989-3117.

Black Student Union celebrates graduates

On Friday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m., the Black Student Union will host The Uhuru Convocation: A Celebration of African American Graduates. It will be in Alumni Hall and will honor the graduating black students of Purdue University Calumet. Professional attire is required. For more information contact Ray L. Hamilton, BSU advisor at (219)989-2779 or secretary, Valeta Brannon at valetabannon@hotmail.com.

Puerto Rican Pageant washes cars for fundraiser

On Saturday, May 10, the Puerto Rican Pageant of Northwest Ind. will hold a car wash fundraiser at Ed's Boulevard Shrimp House at 4202 Indianapolis Blvd. in East Chicago. All proceeds will go to educational and cultural workshops.

Community Hospital offers program about diabetes

A community care physician will discuss causes, treatments and diagnosis for diabetes on May 8 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be no charge for attending, but registration is required by calling (219)836-3477 or call toll free at (866)836-3477.

AIDS Aliveness test results available from health fair

Individuals who were tested for AIDS at the Health and Fitness Fair should contact Jamie or Jodi at (219)989-6170, extensions 15 or 17, for results.

Ice cream social honor graduates of May 2003

An ice cream social will honor the May 2003 graduates in the School of Engineering Mathematics and Science on Tuesday, May 6 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Gyte Portico.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in submitting briefs relating to campus events, clubs, organizations and departments must submit briefs at least two weeks in advance. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted. Briefs must contain information in each of the following categories:

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VERA simplifies communication

New voice technology designed to assist customers, increase employer revenues and profitability

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Online Editor

Technology is an important facet of modern culture, as people attempt to utilize it to accomplish many things in a more efficient manner. The development of various technologies such as cell phones, office suite computer programs, electronic mail, among other recent developments have often been conceived with improving corporate as well as personal productivity.

One such new technology was demonstrated when Frank Szczepanski and Elio Yopez from Sand Cherry, Inc. presented a new multimodal voice technology called Voice-Enabled Receptionist Application. About 40 people attended this event, which was hosted by the Hammond Development Corporation as part of their "1st Friday" technology networking event series. Also co-hosting this event was PUC's UFoundIT organization, a group of information technology professionals in the Calumet Region.

Elio Yopez said VERA is a voice-activated dialer that can be utilized to provide a wide array of services utilizing voice input.

"You can give it a call, and you'll be able to give a list of

departments, staff, or help. You can also have the option to call a person on different phone numbers, for example, you can call a person on either their office line or cell phone line," Yopez said.

Frank Szczepanski discussed why SoftServer, a key part of the VERA system, will be a necessary technology, as well as some other specific applications that could be developed utilizing the VERA system. SoftServer is expected to bridge multiple modes of operation and multimedia, resulting in applications that integrate voice and data. Some examples include speech-enabled applications; voice enhanced services, as well as applications that mix data, voice, and images as representations of business, consumer, or academic applications.

"Imagine registering for classes using speech input only. Imagine ordering your Starbucks coffee by voice and all you do is pick it up at your chosen location. Or, you now have a job as a distributor and you update your orders and inventory while you are on the road via speech input," Szczepanski said.

Szczepanski and Yopez demonstrated four specific applications at this presentation utilizing the VERA technology. Among the applications demonstrated were a distribution/inven-

tory control application to track shipments in real time, remote retail order placement by a customer wanting to buy Starbucks coffee, a retail banking application that tracked an individual's account activity, and an application based on the 2002 World Cup, which incorporated a quiz, match scores and a video.

Charles Winer, associate professor of computer information systems and information technology, feels that the VERA technology has the potential to benefit institutions in many different ways.

"This event is intended to share how this new technology can assist corporate enterprises and communication service providers in the integration and deployment of enhanced and next generation customer relationship management services," Winer said.

Winer also said that the reason the event was hosted was because the CIS&IT department wanted to do things to help support the university's strategic plan, specifically expanding partnerships to bolster economic development and regional growth. Objectives that the CIS&IT department, in conjunction with UFoundIT.org, seeks to focus on include developing more internships, co-op programs, senior project opportu-

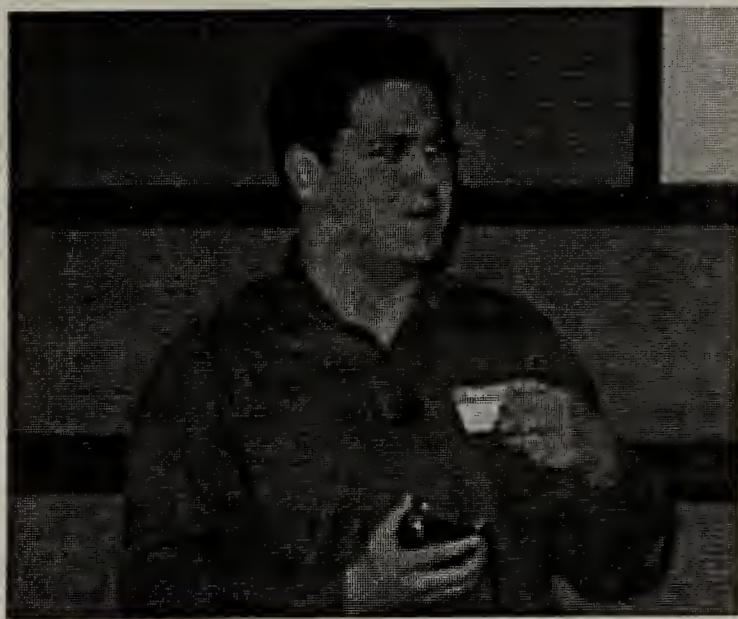


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Elio Yopez demonstrates one of four interactive applications utilizing a new multimodal voice technology in a presentation by Boulder, Colo. based Sand Cherry Inc.

nities and workgroups. Workgroups are a new trend that CIS&IT hopes to capitalize on, allowing undergraduate and graduate students to work along with faculty and staff in partnerships with local businesses and organizations on various projects.

Chancellor Howard Cohen said the technology looked impressive.

While there are no plans to test

the technology on the PUC campus at this point, Sand Cherry Inc. made an offer to allow PUC and local business to experiment further with this technology. However, Winer said that in order for such an experiment to take place, a local business and UFoundIT.org would need to find a suitable project to test this system.

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A case study on SGA: how NOT to run elections

The Student Government Association introduced its newly elected officers at the Student Organization Banquet last week. Surely that was a proud moment for those individuals, but honestly, what percentage of Purdue Calumet's student body knew there was an election going on. Only 48 out of the 8,470 students enrolled for spring 2003 voted.

There was a decided lack of information regarding the candidates and no forums for public debate. In the March 31 issue of The Chronicle, Christine Marilyn Parry, student programming board chairwoman, stated that annual debates would take place and candidates would inform students about their platforms and aspirations. Oh, that's right, several of the key candidates ran unopposed. One cannot debate oneself. An introduction to the available choices would have been a nice touch though. One article in The Chronicle is not enough to garner widespread participation.

This is not intended to belittle the efforts of those individuals who showed some initiative by running for a position, but it does raise some important questions.

The SGA is supposed to be the voice of the student body. If the presence of those individuals was difficult to detect during election time, which should be a very high profile time, how effective are they going to be as representatives?

SGA members act as representatives of the student population at university senate meetings. Bringing student concerns to SGA members is the best way to have them heard by the university administration.

This is not going to happen if students do not know how to contact their representatives or if they do not understand the process. The Chronicle is the most obvious communication channel available to the SGA members and the students. There should be a continuous flow of information between the students and their representatives. Updates on senate meetings should be sent to The Chronicle immediately following the meetings. There must be tangible evidence of action taken or students will stop trying to communicate through the proper channels. Ultimately this can lead to grassroots grumbling, general dissatisfaction and a sense of disenfranchisement, certainly not the goals of the university's strategic plan.

Hopefully, the new SGA members will take their voices off mute and crank up the volume for next year. They need to come out from under the very large shadow created by the newly formed Student Programming Board. The goal of the SPB is to promote student activities on campus.

It should come as no surprise that the two organizations overlap, with many of the same people always leading the charge. This is not at all unusual in organizational dynamics, but it does not mean that it is acceptable. SGA members need to differentiate themselves from the SPB and actively promote more involvement in student government. One can hope that student involvement here will develop a strong sense of citizenship and carry over into community involvement.

Unfortunately, this general lack of participation in student government is just a symptom of a larger societal trend toward apathy and an overall lack of involvement in politics.

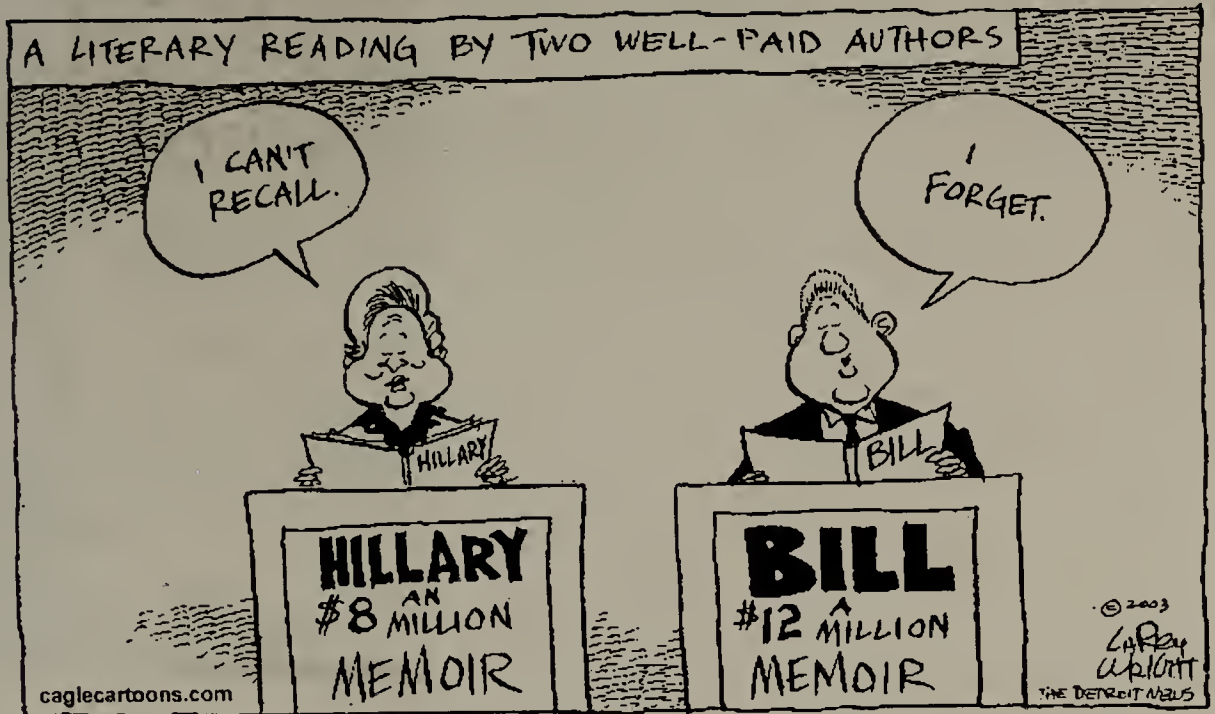
It is disheartening, but there can be no harvest without first planting a seed. At Purdue University Calumet we are standing on very fertile ground.

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Good-bye for the summer



FRANK SPRINKLE
Commentary Writer

This is the final issue of The Chronicle until the start of the fall semester in August. But since August 26 of last year, this staff, in which I have had an association of three years with, has worked to great lengths to inform you, the PUC campus of the happenings going on around this little corner of the world.

Producing a newspaper such as this every week has taken the commitment of various staff members from writing, editing, photography, page layout, distribution and more. However, our publication could not survive without money, which comes from advertising revenue. Having mentioned this, it's appropriate to express thanks and appreciation on my behalf and definitely everyone on this staff to Valdemar Garibay, who will be leaving our staff, now that our final issue of the semester has been produced. Mr. Garibay has served for the last four years as The Chronicle's business manager. His top responsibility is to oversee the selling of advertisements, a good number of which he has sold by himself. Since joining The Chronicle in August of 2000, Mr. Garibay and I have become good friends, and clearly we as a staff, me included, wish him the best.

But I wish all of you who have picked up our publication the best as well. Hopefully your summer will be enjoyable. Some of you might be embarking on doing a little traveling, while others might be returning here for a summer class or two. If you are going to be on campus for summer courses, remember there will be no new issues of The Chronicle until August.

Yes, there are some that are going to be moving on with a new stage in life. To the soon to be graduating students of PUC my congratulations and hope that your future plans are successful as your years here were.

Otherwise, enjoy the summer and get ready for next fall. Hopefully, this spring semester was a delight.

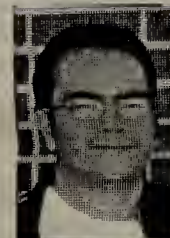
My advice once final exams are over is to sell textbooks that are not needed. It brings in some money and it allows you to get rid of books that you no longer have a need for.

This week is not one of the most enjoyable for a student. Let's face it, final exams are not a cup of tea, it takes studying, maybe until the wee hours of the morning if one waits until the last minute to prepare for a test. Don't do that, you need sleep to get ready. By studying for the finals and working hard during the semester it should pay off in the end.

After finals, enjoy whatever plans you have made during the summer and on behalf of everyone on the Chronicle staff, thank you for reading throughout the course of the fall and spring semesters, and look for us again starting in late August. Yes, please don't forget to sell as many textbooks as possible once finals are done.

The People Speak

Question of the week: What type of student activity does PUC need most?



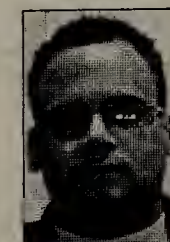
Juan Ramirez
Junior, electrical engineering

"Available peer tutoring offered by the Skills Assessment and Development Center. That's going to be a lot more valuable than any student organization in the long run."



Robert Voigt
Freshman, electrical engineering technology

"This is my first semester up here, so I really don't know."



Troy Castleberry
Freshman, nursing

"We need the type of student activities that stimulate students' minds in order for them to be open to all cultures and encourages interaction between each other."



Sanjay Anand
Sophomore, computer engineering

"More intramural activities on campus, like sports, on-campus Jeopardy and trips across the United States."



Andrea Murray
Senior, communications

"More dances, more socializing. It is too quiet around here, so we need more activities in order to socialize. Instead of going to a bar, have the young men and women meet at school functions."



Erika Cordova
Senior, electrical engineering

"I think we need professional development to get people prepared for the workforce once they have acquired a degree."

Stark-Tinkham ceremony honors student writers

CAROLE STUEBEN
Staff Writer

The 30th Stark-Tinkham writing contest awards ceremony honored area high school students as well as PUC undergraduates and graduates.

"We had a very good turnout," said Dennis Barbour, head of the English and Philosophy Department at Purdue Calumet. "We have a lot of very talented writers."

The ceremony was enjoyed by many of the Purdue Calumet Faculty.

"I enjoyed the reading of the main speaker," said Maria Longas, an instructor in the chemistry and physics department. "I have a student who was the first place winner in the Writing for Children category."

"I come every year. I always enjoy the speakers and watching the winners go up and get their awards," said Sheila Rezak.

For the category High School Poetry, Ronnell Perry of Bishop Noll Institute came in first for his poem, "Hypothetically Speaking." Second place winner was Jory Matthews of Thomas Edison Junior-Senior High School for the poem, "Post Secondary." Honorable mentions were awarded to Scott Crook of Thomas Edison Junior-Senior High School for "Knightly Business" and Miranda Collins of Chesterton High School for "Show Me You."

In the Undergraduate Poetry category, first place was awarded to Chris Jones for "The Ghost of James Dean." Second Place went to Elizabeth LaCrosse for her poem, "Laundry." Honorable mentions were awarded to Esteban Garcia for "Hype," and to Terrie Henderson for "Watering Children."

First place in the Undergraduate Short Story category went to Dan Brugioni for the story "The Ballad of Justin Grim." Second place was awarded to Sarah Peterson for "One Mile in the Wilderness." Honorable mentions were awarded to Tim Bean for "Teacher's Pet" and to Dan Brugioni for "Evinayong, Dust, and Rain."

In the Undergraduate Personal Essay category, the first place award went to David Ley for "Tom Thumb." There was a tie for second place between Tina Bloom for "May-Yuan" and Terrie Henderson for "Fishing Story." Honorable mentions were awarded to Laura Davis for "Dad" and to Scott Guffey for "Realization of a Kindergartner."

For the category Undergraduate Critical Essay, first place went to Laura Anderson for "Morality at its Finest." Second place was awarded to Tina Bloom for "Chinese Opera." Honorable mention went to Michael Duffy for "Three Unfortunate Characters."

First Year Theme awarded first place to Laura Anderson for "The Personal Side of Violence." Second place went to Kevin Van Linden for "From a Handshake to the Altar." Honorable mention was awarded to Scott Dyer for "Violence in Modern Society."

First place for an Undergraduate Research Essay was awarded to Sarah Peterson for "Does Mentalese Destroy Relativity?"

In the Graduate Short Story category, honorable mention was awarded to Ed Hiatt for "It Ain't Fair."

Honorable mention was awarded to Kelly Hladek for "Lady Luck, or the Lack of It, Makes Kindred Spirits of Ihabob Crane and Rip Van Winkle" in the Graduate Critical Essay category.



photo by Carole Stueben

Instructor Maria Longas congratulates her student, Maria Acosta, winner of the Writing for Children category.

Gregory Adams was awarded honorable mention for "The Colors of Stephen Crane" in the John S. Tuckey Essay in American Literature category.

Maria Acosta received first place for "Lady Lavender's Dream" in the Writing for Children category.

In the Undergraduate Essay in History category, first place was awarded to Kimberly Linman for "The Tet Televised: How the Media Changed Public Opinion."

Esteban Garcia won second place for his poem "Coronary Special" in the Humorous Poetry category. Honorable mention was awarded to Matthew Witowski for "Thirsty."

First place for the Bonny O.

Van Orman Award for an Essay in Film was awarded to Sarah Peterson for "Psychology in Expressionist Film." Second place was awarded to Vesna Tanaskoski for "Stylistic Techniques in The Shining." Honorable mentions were awarded to Lee Lavery for "The Unbreakable Signs of the Sixth Sense May Not Keep You Wide Awake: The Movies of M. Night Shyamalan" and to Vesna Tanaskoski for "Army of Darkness: The Intermingling of the Horror and Comedy Film Genres." The Fernando Martinez Memorial Essay category awarded first place to Barbara McClanahan for "Giving Up is Not an Option."

The John Shaver Memorial Award for a Novel in Progress

awarded second place to both Theresa Henderson for "Television" and to Dan Brugioni for "He Had Lost God."

The final category of the evening, George Seffler Memorial Award for an Essay in Philosophy, awarded first place, second place and honorable mention to Amanda Lemond for "The Ethics of Animal Experimentation," "Discussing Pornography," and "Privacy in a Technologically Advanced World: Is It Possible?" Honorable mention was also awarded to Sarah Peterson for "Finding God in the Age of Science."

Undergraduates present research at symposium

CAROLE STUEBEN
Staff Writer

Researchers at Purdue University Calumet may be able to help keep area beaches open and free from the E.coli bacteria in future summers. If the researchers identify the animal sources of the E. coli, they can determine where the contamination is coming from and stop it.

The E. coli project was one of many projects presented recently at the Undergraduate Research Symposium.

The projects ranged from an attempt to identify animal species from the DNA of E. coli present in Lake Michigan to a new kind of computer chip, designed to pick up where the current silicon chips leave off.

The symposium was held in two rooms, with projects being presented in each at the same time.

Tom Herman and Kostas Nikitaras designed and built a portable heat exchanger, a piece of equipment Purdue Calumet had been unable to acquire before due to high costs.

"We saved the department about \$9,000 by building this," said Tom Herman. Students in engineering classes had only been able to learn the theory behind a portable heat exchanger before Herman and Nikitaras built the exchanger.

"I'm glad it's over," said Nikitaras. "They asked us to build

it, and we did."

The group's mentor was Lash Mapa.

The next five groups in the room with Herman and Nikitaras presented five different parts of a large group research project overseen by Charles Tseng. Their project involved the identification of specific genes on a strand of DNA in E. coli recovered from Lake Michigan. These genes would allow researchers to someday identify from which animal source (human, seagull, etc...) the E. coli originated.

"If this project is successful, it will be a major breakthrough in bioremediation" said Stephanie Petzing.

Diane Kotys, Jennifer McQuade, Rebecca Adams, Stephanie Petzing and Wes Potts presented the project.

"The research will be ongoing forever because there are more than 4000 genes in the E. coli genome," said Petzing.

James Majdak's project had scientific and commercial applications. His research was geared to improve performance of water-cooled exhaust risers in the marine industry by altering the way water is used to cool the riser. This project exchanged the original system, an inefficient water spray designed to cool the exhaust, with a new more efficient system designed to cool only the riser, not the superheated exhaust. His mentor was Chenn Zhou.

Sofia Angelova and Mark Jagustin presented research they have been performing alongside Nicholas Bushby and Barbara Truett. Their research focused on improving computer processor performance through more accurate branch predictions using lesser hardware resources. The area of most benefit would be in handheld devices such as pocket PC's. Ruijian Zhang oversaw this project.

Michael Ryan Babbitt studied how cryogenic processing affected the properties of tool steels. This project could improve steel quality and wear in the steel industry of Northwest Indiana. Prof. H. Abramowitz was his mentor.

John Elch presented his project based on assessing the fractal dimension of star clusters. His research was targeted at understanding the dynamics of star clusters formed from galactic gas clouds and the preservation of the fractal structure of the gas in the distribution of stars born in the cluster. He worked with Shawn Slavin.

Regina Strug presented a group research project developed alongside Dusanka Colovic, Ken Berg and Amy Gorkowski. Their research into the use of synthetic organic molecules could replace current silicon computer chips and allow for much faster processing speeds. Their mentors were Michael Pelter and Libby Pelter in the department of chemistry and

physics.

Communications students presented a documentary on the life of Texas singer/songwriter/disc jockey Jiles Perry Richardson, a.k.a. "The Big Bopper." Josh Holmes, Erica Ribicki, Tracy Vogelmeier, Jason Jeka, Andrew Keilman, Adam Neibling, Charity Jaskutis, Joshua Walker, Pete Sedrak, Peter Aranda, Erica Sera and Joel Franklin worked on this project under the mentorship of Mary Beth O'Connor.

The objective of the final project, presented by Jayson Swalek, Tim Mehok, Dan Stella and Joe Zeiler, was to develop software usable by blast furnace engineers. Zhou and George Nnanna oversaw this project.

After the presentations were completed, a poster session in the main walk-through was set up and poster projects were set up by Ken Berg, synthetic computer chip, Thomas Wojcinski with a project on the wetting characteristics of copper based powders on pressed steel particles, and Chris Brinker and Brett Stauner with a computer database designed by them to track the research and development of a program in neonatal healthcare at the University of Arizona.

For more information on the Undergraduate Research Program, contact Libby Pelter at (219)989-2780.

Ralph Skoog dies

JASON RUDY
Staff Writer

Ralph Skoog, a long-time faculty member in the Electrical Engineering Technology department passed away on April 11, 2003. Skoog graduated from Purdue University in 1958 and started teaching part-time for Purdue University Calumet in 1963. During his career, he taught computer courses, circuits courses, communication and design courses. He also taught circuits courses in the engineering department. Skoog was also active in the Purdue University Calumet Amateur Radio Club.

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Recognition given to students and leaders

New SGA officials announced among other campus awards

JASON RUDY
Staff Writer

Student organizations had the opportunity to present awards to recognize top student leaders and student organizations at the Student Organization Awards Banquet.

Participating organizations were Hoosier ADAPT, New Life Ministries, the Purdue Alumni Association Calumet and The Chronicle. Also included were UPS, the Role Players Guild, Society of Success and Leadership, the Student Government Association and the Center for Career and Leadership Development.

Gloria Roldan-Schieb, associate director for student life and activities, along with her assistant, Carol Wolfe, organized the banquet and were pleased with the outcome.

"We had 125 people in attendance, which was nice," Roldan-Shieb said. "I was happy with it (the Awards Banquet.) For a first time event, it went well."

The Shirley Staton Memorial Award scholarship was awarded to Mary Gyure. The CCLD Advisor of the year award was split between Dr. John Lucas, Society for Human Resource Management, and Chad Hunter,

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. The student leader of the year award went to Orlando Garcia, May 2003 graduate, Sigma Lambda Beta.

Student leadership conference awards went to Terrie Henderson, Sarah Sprankle, Jocelyn Gallegos, Joseph Juarez, Donna George and Erica Irvine.

Christine Marilyn Parry took home two awards for UPS Outstanding Student Leader Award and Student Programming Board Student of the Year.

The Society for Human Resource Management received three awards, the Purdue Alumni Association Calumet Most Active Student Organization, Excellence in the Community Service Award, and the Professional Development Award.

Also announced at the banquet were the new student government officials. Ricardo Garcia was announced as the president. Jade Lee Culberson was elected vice-president of programming. Dawn Simanson was elected vice president of the student body. Anthony Nichols was elected the vice-president of finance, and Derek DeBoer was elected the executive secretary.

McDermott

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more reserve when talking about his role at the Northwest Indiana Forum.

"Tom sees his dad sitting here, but...our job is to get business to come to Northwest Indiana, not to one city or another," the elder McDermott said.

'I'm an individual'

Although his father is a Republican, the younger McDermott chose to be a Democrat for several reasons. The first is his profession.

"I'm a trial lawyer," the younger McDermott said. "Trial lawyers represent people."

While attending his second year of law school at the University of Notre Dame in the late 1990s, the younger McDermott worked in Notre Dame's Legal Aid office. The office's clients are poor and often affected by drug addiction and spousal abuse, among other problems. As a law student, the younger McDermott got to go to court to represent the clients, who he said really needed the help, but couldn't afford to pay.

The younger McDermott said his experience in the legal aid office germinated into the choice to be a Democrat.

Yet, with a background in the military — the younger McDermott was on a submarine in the in the Middle East during the first Persian Gulf War — a Republican father and campaign literature calling for "lean, efficient city government," a traditionally Republican tenet, it may seem like the younger McDermott should be a Republican.

"People try to slap a party label

on me and it doesn't work because I'm an individual," the younger McDermott said.

An individual who wears many hats

After finishing high school in California, the younger McDermott enlisted in the Navy and served for six years. He spent four years on a submarine, and about two and a half years at sea. The longest time McDermott spent at sea without surfacing was 78 days. When the crew ran out of food, the submarine had to head home. McDermott said he lost 10 pounds on the trip because he and the crew had to eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for breakfast, lunch and dinner on the way home.

"I don't eat it anymore," McDermott said.

He also wears sunglasses frequently because being underwater with only fluorescent lights affected his eyes.

"People told me, 'you'll always be a squinter,'" McDermott said.

McDermott's submarine went down two weeks before the first Persian Gulf War began and surfaced about two weeks after it ended. Although he can't talk about the experience, McDermott said the crew knew the United States was winning.

When he got out of the Navy, McDermott could have moved back to California, where his mother and two half sisters live, but he chose to move to Northwest Indiana to attend Purdue University Calumet.

"I wanted to move home, to live with my father," the younger McDermott said.

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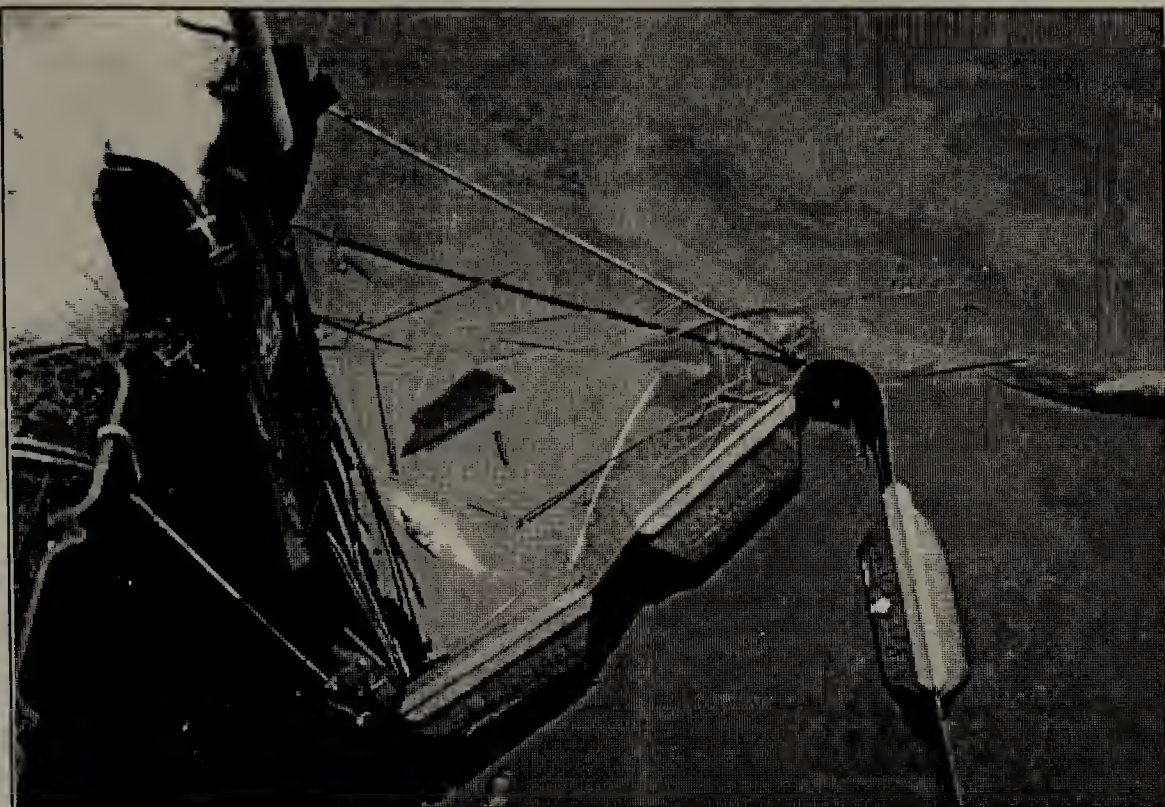


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Dead fish and oil residue float on top of the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canal in East Chicago, the most polluted site in the Great Lakes system.

pledge. The pledge also said the political candidates intended to promote a better quality of life for the citizens of Northwest Indiana by working for a cleaner environment.

"It was very spirited," Balanoff said.

Mike Vega, president of the Social Justice Club and a sophomore majoring in sociology, spoke at the parade to a crowd of over 250 people about the social effects of the Confined Disposal Facility and how it is important for the community to be active

and become involved in important issues.

"There were a number of Purdue students that helped spearhead the parade and keep things in order. One wore a grim reaper outfit," Balanoff said.

Vega is an East Chicago resident and is aware of the negative effects the Confined Disposal Facility may have on the environment and the community. Vega attended the meeting to plan the parade, which was organized by the coalition for a clean environment, with Social Justice Club

vice president Huma Farook, a junior majoring in sociology and secondary education, and Y'shuatzin, a freshman majoring in business and member of the club.

Balanoff felt the parade accomplished its goal by reaching out to the community and mobilizing people in order to take a look at environmental issues in the community.

"I think it should cause them to stop and rethink the whole thing," Balanoff said.

when he gets tired of work, school and working on the campaign, his boss is just getting started.

"He runs circles around me," Novak said.

Even with so much to do, the younger McDermott also has family responsibilities. He lives in Hammond with his second wife, their one child and two young children from his previous marriage. McDermott coaches his son Chase's little league team.

The younger McDermott sends his children to private school. He said the Hammond School District is the second worst in the state. Because his family is Catholic, it isn't unusual for his children to go to private school. The children went to public school in Porter County before the family moved to Hammond.

The younger McDermott said he needed to ensure that his children get a quality education.

"I feel bad for people who don't have the same options as me and that's why we need to fix the schools," the younger McDermott said.

'He runs circles around me'

McDermott's campaign treasurer, Pete Novak, a PUC junior majoring in accounting and finance, said his boss's outlook is more positive than his own because, although the younger McDermott spent summers in the city, he didn't grow up in Hammond and isn't "numb" to disinvestments or troubled schools like those who have not lived elsewhere.

"Other people in Hammond may think it's normal, but it isn't

normal to him," Novak said.

Aside from growing up in California, the younger McDermott said he lived in six different states in the Navy. He agreed that his experiences living in other communities have contributed to the way he perceives and thinks about solving problems.

"It allows me to see what other communities do," the younger McDermott said.

'People want to step behind him'

McDermott said his campaign started with five guys wearing buttons and has grown to about 150 people, with 15 people working full-time.

Rick Calinski, the McDermott campaign promotions manager and a senior at PUC majoring in marketing, said that the growth in support demonstrates that McDermott is a "natural born leader."

"He has that confidence that a lot of people want to step behind him," Calinski said.

The younger McDermott said he feels good about the primaries. Kathy Kazmirczak, the current councilwoman for the 5th District, which includes PUC, said the younger McDermott is the prominent Democratic candidate and will probably win May 6.

If the younger McDermott wins the primaries, he and his election committee will need to buy new gym shoes. The younger McDermott said he intends to walk the city twice before the general election in November.

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Sequels warm up this summer

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Angelina Jolie returns as Lara Croft as she seeks the mystery behind Pandora's box in "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life."

Lady Croft returns to find the cradle of life

JOE JUAREZ
Entertainment Editor

It has been two years since Angelina Jolie brought the video game sensation, Lara Croft to the big screen in "Tomb Raider." Now the former Mrs. Billy Bob Thornton returns in "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life."

Based on the popular video game series based on the same name, "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" puts Croft in a whole new adventure as she travels to exotic locations like China, Greece, Kenya and Tanzania in search of Pandora's Box.

With the same idea like the first "Tomb Raider,"

Lara Croft's search for the box lands her with so many obstacles such as dealing with a Chinese syndicate and a fear that the box might be used for evil intentions.

Joining Angelina Jolie in this "Tomb Raider" sequel is German actor, Til Schweiger who portrayed famous 1930s boxer, Max Schmelling in "Joe and Max;" Djimon Hounsou whose film credits include portraying Russell Crowe's fighting buddy in "Gladiator;" and Australian actor, Noah Taylor, whose film credits included "Almost Famous" and "Shine."

"Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" opens in theaters on July 25.

2 Fast + 2 Furious = no Diesel power

JOE JUAREZ
Entertainment Editor

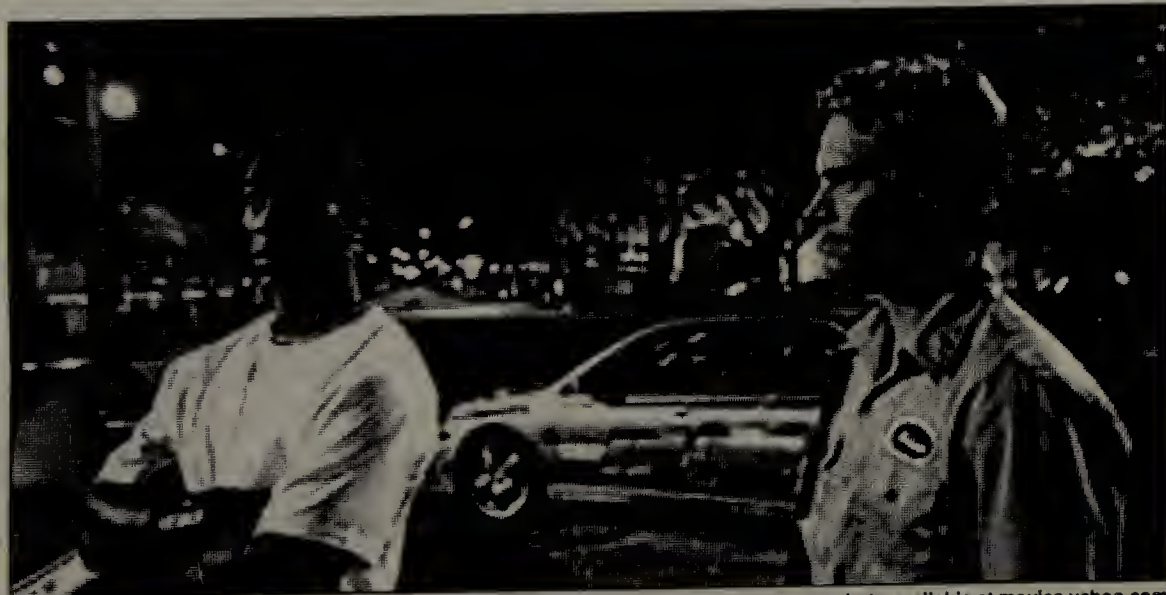
In the summer 2001 hit, "The Fast and The Furious," Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and illegal street racing became household names. Now in its sequel, Walker returns, there is no Diesel and racing stays more furious then ever.

In "2 Fast, 2 Furious," Paul Walker fills Diesel's starring power shoes as Brian O'Conner. Now an ex-cop, O'Conner travels to Miami, Fla. where he is once again encountered with street racing and good-looking girls. But aside from all that glitz and glamour of the racing and girls, O'

Conner is once again encountered with situations that seems too powerful beyond his control.

That is when he teams up with ex-con, Roman Pearce played by Tyrese. Unlike the first film where it dealt with getting the perfect tune-up for "racewars," this time around, O'Conner and Pearce are going undercover under the watchful eye of agent, Monica Fuentes who is played by new actress Eva Mendes.

Director, John Singleton will take the front seat for "2 Fast, 2 Furious," as it arrives in theaters on June 6.

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Paul Walker (along with Tyrese) fills Vin Diesel's shoes in the sequel, "2 Fast 2 Furious."

One more piece of the pie

JOE JUAREZ
Entertainment Editor

Just like the past two "American Pie" movies, the gang from East Great Falls has always encountered adventures to eventually reach their sexual peak.

There is Jim Levinstein, whose incidence included an Internet streaming striptease with foreign exchange student Nadia and a sex session with an apple pie. Steven Stiffler whose adventure included throwing big parties at his parent's house, getting urinated on and drinking the famous 'pale ale.' Then lets not of course forget Kevin Meyer whose dream of having a long-term relationship with girlfriend Victoria fell short as she moved on with her life. In addition, Michelle Flaherty who has always has stories about band camp and Paul Finch, whose only obsession began with two words, Stiffler's mom.

(photos available at movies.go.com)

Alyson Hannigan ties the knot in "American Wedding."

brings Stiffler, Finch and Kevin back home from college to prepare for the wedding of Jim and Michelle. As preparations get underway for their big night things unexpectedly happen such as the introduction of Michelle's parents and sister, to whom Stiffler starts having feelings for. And as for Mr. Finch, his desire of being with Stiffler's mom may fall short as Stiffler's dad, played by Tim Allen falls into the mix.

"American Wedding" reunites actors Jason Biggs, Seann William Scott, Thomas Ian Nicholas, Alyson Hannigan and Eddie Kaye Thomas. But disappointing enough, Tara Reid, Shannon Elizabeth, Mena Suvari and Chris Klein will not returning in the third "American Pie" installment.

"American Wedding" should be a little bit interesting to see during the summer because one-half of the main stars will not be returning to reprise their roles that they had made famous. Either way, people may in fact enjoy one more piece of the pie as it arrives in theaters on August 1.

(photos available at movies.go.com)

Jason Biggs and the rest of the gang from East Great Falls return for "American Wedding"

Nowadays the "American Pie" saga continues with "American Wedding." In this movie, it doesn't take a sure "American Pie" fan to figure where the plots going to be about. The movie

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Summer of 'Angels'

NICOLE ELISCHER
Staff Writer

When we last saw Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz and Lucy Liu as Dylan, Natalie and Alex in the film version of "Charlie's Angels" they were relaxing on the beach after another day of saving the world. This summer, the girls return in "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle," with more action, more disguises and Demi Moore.

Moore, who was last seen in the 2000 film, "Passion Mind," will play the Angels' latest villain, Madison, an Angel

gone bad. Also new to the sequel is comedian Bernie Mac as Bosley's brother. (The film will explain how Bill Murray's Bosley, from the first film, is Mac's adopted brother, and why he is absent.)

Besides the girls dressing up as surfers and nuns, expect to see the return of John Forsythe's voice as the mysterious Charlie, Crispin Glover as the creepy Thin Guy, plus a load of cameos from the Olsen twins to Jaclyn Smith as original Angel Kelly Garrett.

"Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle," blasts in theaters June 27.



(photos available at movies.yahoo.com)

The triple-threat trio of Cameron Diaz, Lucy Liu and Drew Barrymore return in "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle."



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Ewan McGregor and Renee Zellweger pay homage to Rock Hudson and Doris Day in "Down with Love."

Old-fashioned romance

AMY PILARCZYK
Staff Writer

If you are looking for a romantic comedy this summer then "Down with Love" is the right one to watch. The movie pays respect to the 1960s Doris Day and Rock Hudson comedies. "Down with Love" comes out May 16.

The story follows feminist advice columnist Barbara Novak (Renee Zellweger) and journalist Catcher Block (Ewan McGregor). Even though Block is a playboy, Novak ends up falling in love with him. The movie also stars David Hyde Pierce and Tony Randall.

This is Randall's first film in 10 years.

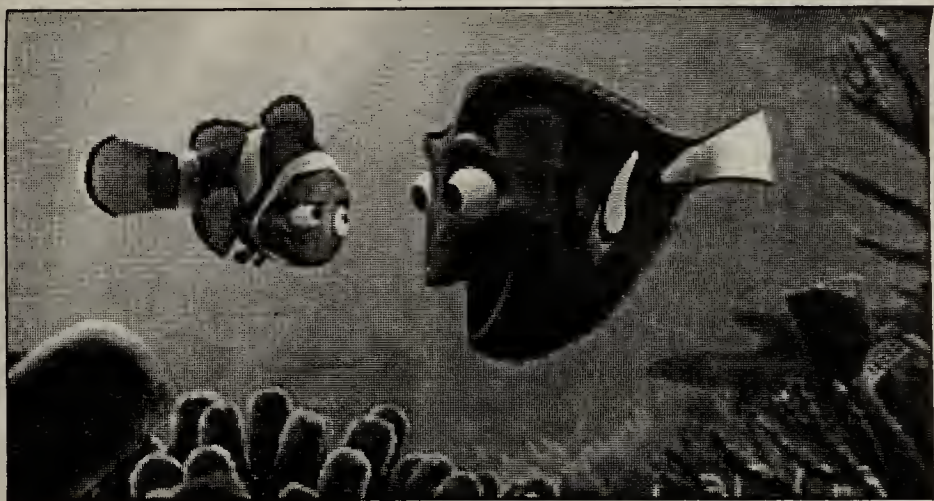
This movie will follow the path of every romantic comedy. They meet, fall in love, encounter some problems, break up and then get back together to live happily ever after. Everything Zellweger and McGregor touch seems to turn into gold. The two get to show off their vocal skills by singing "Here's to Love" during the end credits. Zellweger sang in "Chicago" and McGregor sang in "Moulin Rouge." Even with the two star actors, "Down with Love" may get overlooked because it comes out the day after "The Matrix: Reloaded."

'Finding Nemo' should be a delicious catch

TERRIE HENDERSON
News Editor

"Finding Nemo" is a story about a father and his son. The 'catch' is that they are fish. More specifically, Clownfish who live in the tropical waters of the Great Barrier Reef. Nemo, the son of Marlin, has a desire to explore the ocean, and Marlin finds himself fearing for his son's safety. Reminiscent of the "Little Mermaid," the movies look colorful and cute, and a head strong juvenile defies their parents wishes 'under the sea.' The conflict occurs when Nemo is taken from the ocean to be placed in a dentist's office fish tank, Marlin, along with his good-hearted but dimwitted companion Dory, a Regal Blue Tang Fish, head out on an adventure through the ocean to find Nemo. Along their journey they meet a lady fish, Ellen DeGeneres. Willem Dafoe's

character Gill, a tough talking Maverick, looks after Nemo while he is away from his family. I am thoroughly looking forward to seeing this movie when it comes out on May 30, 2003, however, I do believe I will refrain from fishing or eating at Red Lobster prior to viewing. The Disney Pixar movie is from the creators of Monsters Inc., and should prove to be a wholesome family movie or just a movie for the kid at heart. From the trailers that have been on television advertising this movie, it seems like a very colorful and fun movie. I'm sure this movie will provide lots of laughs as well as prove to be just a happy and feel good movie. The movie is rated G and if your fishing for some fun this summer, check it out.



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Disney and Pixar's new release, "Finding Nemo" should definately be a keeper.

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Held Within radiates energy from a hard core

SARAH LISON
Editor in Chief

Hanging out in a small room while the band Held Within practices makes you feel like you just drank a large cup of coffee with four shots of espresso in it. I like coffee.

The music was so loud I started to regret I didn't bring a pair of earplugs, but that wouldn't have been hard-core enough to hang out with these kids.

The members of Held Within agreed: they play this kind of music because it makes you want to punch the person next to you in the face.

"This is what we like," Tim Fisher, the guitarist, said.

One of the tenants on the property where the band practices recently asked Held Within to turn it down.

"That's not going to happen," Puma, the singer, said.

After the first song, my heart was beating as quick and precise as drummer Cameron Smith moved the drumsticks around the set.

At the center of the beast, Smith gave up the guitar last January for the drums because he counts and leads the band. In their practice space, the band faces him. On stage, they have more space to move around and an

audience of more than one.

Bass player, Daryn Frank, said facing Smith improves communication.

"When the music is so loud, you need to know what's going on," Frank said. "So we follow the drummer."

Six more songs, all written by Held Within, came after the first. The rush of sound made my ears ring. The energy swirling around the room didn't make me want to punch someone in the face, but it gave me goose bumps. Fisher thrashed around, playing without interruption, adding a new level of emotional intensity. When Puma walks towards you growling into the microphone, it makes you want to take a step back.

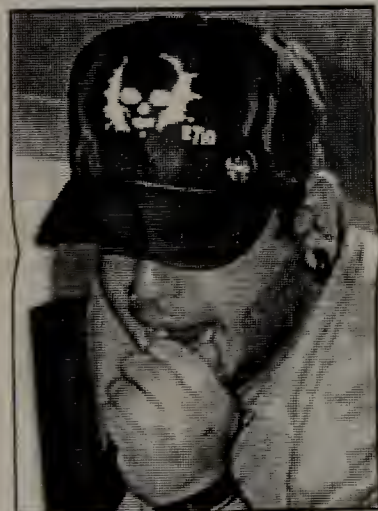
I'm probably less likely to punch people than any of the other four guys that make Held Within, anyway.

Puma writes the lyrics as the band writes the songs. Personal experiences spark the beginning lyrics of songs like, "Party at Vince's House." But Puma's improvisation couples with heavy, clear guitar and bass change-ups. The great menacing sounds most people couldn't force out of the bottom of their lungs like Puma does mark the refrains.

Puma explained the meaning of "Party at Vince's House."

"Everyone is called something, and everyone has a calling, but for the most part, people are too blind to see it."

Smith's change from guitar to drums complements other changes, including the name of the band. Fisher, age 20, switched from bass to guitar. Fisher and Smith have been together for two years. Puma, age 19, added haunting vocals in September 2001. Before this practice, Frank had never played as a part of the band. Frank, age 19, has known all the members since they all went to high school in Crown Point and has played with another local hard-core band, Kolobos. Frank replaces another bass player the band said wasn't showing up for practice. I couldn't tell Frank hadn't played any of Held Within's songs before, except that he stood



Vocalist Puma uses a combination of personal experience and improvisation to write lyrics for Held Within.



Photos by Sarah Lison

Top: The local band Held Within is from left to right: Bassist Daryn Franks, drummer Cameron Smith, guitar player Tim Fisher and vocalist Puma.

Right: Guitar player Tim Fisher feels the music when he plays.

very still throughout the set.

"The best way to learn music is to pick it up from scratch," Frank said.

Held Within wants to play the Fireside Bowl, at 2648 W. Fullerton in Chicago, with Kolobos in August. The Fireside frequently features punk, ska and hard-core bands, which are both little and well known. The crowd at the Fireside tends to be younger, about 16 to 22. Held Within visits the Fireside as often as possible.

After that, the band talked about a possible East Coast tour with Kolobos, which means self-mutilation in Greek.

Since the members of Held Within haven't heard too many local bands like them — nothing as hard as they are — they say it's better to work with the few bands they have something in common with. Franks said the relationship between his old band, Kolobos and other members of Held Within used to be tenser than it is now.



"We used to hate each other," Franks said. "But then we grew up and realized this is what we wanted to do."

It's a good thing that the bands

work together now. More people need to hear this, but I don't know if anyone needs to be punched.

Dysfunction: it runs deep in this 'Family'

JASON RUDY
Staff Writer

"It Runs in the Family" keeps the perfect balance between comedy and drama. It is by no means a bland, feel-good movie, but an exploration of loss, honesty, acceptance and most importantly, communication.

With three generations from the Douglas dynasty in one movie, you really can't go wrong. The actors play off one another beautifully, portraying a family in all of its awkwardness and love.

Oscar recipient and Hollywood legend Kirk Douglas and his two-time Academy Award-winning son, Michael, tried for over 20 years to find a film in which to work together. After Kirk's stroke in a helicopter accident, it was feared that the two would never work together. The film's script was altered to be able to include Kirk, who portrays Mitchell Gromberg, a stroke victim coming to terms with his mortality.

Mitchell is father to Alex Gromberg (Michael), a man who feels neglected by his father and is trying to not make the same mistakes with his two sons.

Newcomer Cameron Douglas, who in real life is Michael's son, plays Asher, Alex's eldest son. He plays the role of a rebellious college student dealing with drugs, love and life in general.

The real star of this film is Rory Culkin, whose character, Eli, is Alex's 11-year-old son. He portrays an intro-

verted boy, dealing with a grade school crush and his very strange family.

"It Runs in the Family" drops you in the middle of a chaotic family whose members can barely stand each other. Kirk Douglas is excellent at being the wisecracking, tough guy grandpa, who feels showing emotion is unnecessary and routine is a way of life. His wife, played by Diana Douglas, is actually his real-life ex-wife. In the movie, she portrays Evelyn, a nurturing mother and Mitchell's rock.

It is hard to talk about the movie without giving too much away, but the movie's momentum is based on disaster within the family. The comedic relief between family members keeps this film from becoming a real downer.

There is a wonderful scene when Mitchell, Alex and Asher decide to go fishing. The generation gaps are agonizing and watching these three very different men work together to catch a fish is hilarious.

"It Runs in the Family" does a good job of mixing a message with comedy. It never becomes sappy and, contrary to the trailer, is a borderline drama. The film shows the importance of family and the importance of communicating.

The bad thing about this film is that, without the Douglas hype in it, I don't believe many people would have been as excited to see this movie. Star power definitely benefited this picture, turning it from mediocre to entertaining.



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Michael Douglas and Kirk Douglas star in the family-oriented film "It Runs in the Family."

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FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

It's strange but it sure feels like yesterday that Bill Cartwright and John Paxson were part of the cast of the Bulls Dynasty. For three seasons, they were, winning NBA Championships in 1991, 1992, and 1993. But now, they are building a Bulls team that will at least be a contender in the post-season next year.

Of course, Cartwright is the coach of a team that only won three road games, going 30-52 this season. Enter Paxson, the new Bulls general manager and executive vice president of basketball operations and it's a new start in the direction for a team looking to climb out of the cellar.

Paxson comes into the front office after serving as a color analyst of Bulls broadcasts on ESPN Radio 1000. His nine of 11 seasons as a player were as a Bull, but the San Antonio Spurs drafted him in the first round, 19th overall in 1983. He would go on win three NBA titles. Anyone who knows John Paxson's game realizes he made an impact winning the titles. In Game 5 of the 1991 NBA Finals, Paxson finished with 20 points, but hit 10 of the Bulls final 15 points in the game that would decide Chicago's first ever NBA title. He was unstoppable from the field in the Bulls 108-101 win over the Lakers.

But the moment that forever defined Paxson came in Game 6 of the 1993 finals. With the Bulls trailing by two, Paxson took a pass from Michael Jordan on the left wing from three-point range, and as everyone knows he touched the glass and bounced the basketball to give the Bulls a 99-98 win over the Suns and title number three.

Paxson retired the following year, but not before scoring over 5,000 points in 11 seasons.

He set his mark with Bulls fans, and now he will do it again as GM. He will even go head-to-head with his brother. Jim Paxson, who is the GM for the Cleveland Cavaliers, saw his team finish the season at 17-65 along with the Denver Nuggets. The NBA draft lottery will take place on May 22 and the two Paxsons' will be looking to see if one of them takes the first pick.

The Bulls will get a high draft choice. It might not be number one, but it will be Paxson's first test as GM in rebuilding a team that has slumped for four years.

Bronx Bombers defend whiffleball championship

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Sports Editor

For the past month and a half, the gym at the PER Building has been transformed into a diamond - a wiffleball diamond. For its second straight year, the Total Fitness Center's intramural program has given its members a chance to swing for the fences.

When it started in March, the intramural wiffleball program had five teams, with six teammates deployed to a squad. Last Wednesday it came to an end, in a championship series.

"It's been fun, it's been more fun than I thought it would be," Marty Wachel said.

Wachel, a 1977 PUC graduate devotes his time in the fitness center as a racquetball instructor. When he is not teaching the basics of racquetball, he devotes his time to the team he manages, The Cubbies, who made it to the championship series.

"We had a couple of games (during the season) in which we made a number of mental errors, but we are looking forward to the challenge," Wachel said.

The challenge that Wachel's team had to deal with were the defending wiffleball champion Bronx Bombers, managed by TFC coordinator Matt Dudzik.

Dudzik has overseen intramural wiffleball since the start last year, and he was looking to repeat as champs.

"We did not have the same team as we did last year. To win, it will take good fielding, it will come down to who makes the fewest fielding errors," Dudzik said.

The best of three series was played under seven innings or a time limit of 50 minutes, whatever came first.

In the first game, the Bronx Bombers went bombs away in the first inning and picked up six runs. In the fifth inning, they managed to come across four, and went on to a 12-7 win after six innings.

The second game meant that a Bronx Bombers win would lead to the wiffleball championship, but it was not meant to be. The Cubbies provided power, including four homeruns from Dave Nalbene, two coming in one inning alone.

"I liked wiffleball; I like the fact that it is laid back but it's competitive," Nalbene said, who got involved in wiffleball after playing racquetball with Wachel.

The Cubbies went on to take game two by a score of 12-2, which forced a deciding third game.

The run-producing offense continued in game three as the Bronx Bombers picked up the bats and found the momentum they had in game one, blanking the Cubbies 7-0. So the Bronx Bombers repeated as wiffleball champions, two games to one.

"I had a lot of fun," Alex Jovanovich said, who plays



Photo by Frank Sprankle

George Martinez looks to make contact in intramural wiffleball. Martinez, a 1998 PUC graduate with a business degree, played wiffleball for the Bronx Bombers, who made it to the championship series last Wednesday night at the PER Building.

right field for the Bronx Bombers and is a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering. "It was what I thought it would be and it's less dangerous than anything else."

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Third annual Spring Fling draws biggest turnout ever

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It could have been the nice weather, or that this was a third year event, but the Total Fitness Center's Spring Fling 5K run/walk had its best turnout ever on April 26. In all, 252 individuals made the 5K journey that equals 3.1 miles.

Under sunny skies and cool temperatures the race began at the intersection of Woodmar Avenue and 173rd Street, just southwest of campus. This starting location was new. Unlike the previous two Spring Flings, the course of this year's race followed the name path of the Fall Frolic, which was last November.

"The course made for a nice run. Among all the distance races, this is considered to be one of the shortest, but I do enjoy participating in shorter races," Dyer resident Ted Vrehas said.

Vrehas finished the 5K at 66 overall and fourth in his division of 30 to 34 year olds. Vrehas is an avid runner and a member of the Calumet Region Striders, a local running club. This was the second year the Striders participated in the 5K Run/Walk. This race is part of their Gold Cup Series. The Striders had a total of 95 members take part in the year's race.

"For us, 95 is an excellent turnout," Sue Brown said.

Brown, serves as president of the Calumet Region Striders, an

organization that started 25 years ago. The Striders had a table set up to bring in more members.

"This race has the reputation of being flat and fast, it stands on its prior reputation," Brown said, who also participated in the race. She finished at 63 overall and first in her age group of 40 to 44.

With a total of 252 runners, the majority elected to run the course, but some might have seen this as a race to the bitter end.

"Everyone at first seemed to be running for the gold, they were all race horses," Jerome Crockrom said.

Crockrom, a Gary resident, finished at number 12 with a time of 19:08.

"The first mile was rough, it took me five minutes and 27 seconds to complete it," Crockrom said.

Of everyone who raced, someone had to come in first. That someone was Phil Metzger of Lansing. In his second straight 5K Run/Walk, Metzger's top finish was at 17:05. He was classed with the 25 to 29-year-old group.

"Every race in which I run, I always end up in the top spots, I just hope for the best," Metzger said, who ran track at T.F. South.

Last year, Metzger wound up in second place, but this year the course made a difference.

"Having less turns is lot better, you don't have to worry about slowing down," Metzger said. "Once I got up in front, I was trying to look behind my shoulder to



photo by Dave Thompson

Runners take off from the starting line and head east on 173rd Street at the 2003 5K Run/Walk held on April 26.

see how far the second place runner was from me."

While the course might have made the run a success, it could not have completely succeeded without the help of the TFC staff. The money raised from the 5K will go toward securing fitness scholarships.

"I think the organization was better, the entire staff took it to a whole other level and we want to improve on that," TFC Coordinator John Bobalik said. "The community involvement grows with the race, we want to target not just students and employees, but the community as well."

SPRING FLING 5K TOP TEN

Place	Time	Name	Age Division
1	17:05	Phil Metzger	25-29
2	17:33	Michael Vega	20-24
3	17:40	Joe Elizondo	15-19
4	17:59	Mike Carey	45-49
6	18:02	Fred Seibel	30-34
7	18:06	Sean Sehuster	40-44
8	18:38	Kevin Paterson	15-19
9	18:41	Roger Steffan	50-54
10	18:45	Jeff Emmons	35-39

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